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PATENTS B. Williams

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Appln. of: Hajime ASAMA et al

Serial No.: 09/080461

Examiner: T. Joseph

Filed: May 19, 1998

Group Art Unit: 2773
2784

Title: USER-ADAPTIVE VARIABLE-ENVIRONMENT SYSTEM

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Letter mailed April 13, 2000, kindly amend the following application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Line 4, cancel "remedium which" insert therefore --medium--.

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REMARKS

This is submitted as a full and complete response to the outstanding Official Letter. The Examiner has required an election of species setting forth six different species by figure numbers and claim numbers. The applicant herewith elects to continue prosecution on species I, directed to a system for recognizing ID cards noting that claims 1-5, 7-10 and 16 read on the elected species. This election is made without traverse.

Claims 1, 6 and 11 are generic and it is understood that if a generic or subgeneric claim is found allowable then those claims drawn to the non-elected species that are dependent thereon should also be found allowable in this application.